GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT PRICE OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the Free on Board (FoB) export price of wheat fixed by the Government;

(b) the amount of cartage and handling charge involved per metric tonne of wheat for export;

(c) whether the Union Government have received representations form various State Governments tomake available wheat at export price to pay bread manufacturers in their States so as to make it available for the common man at cheaper rates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Wheat is being offered ex FCI port godowns @ Rs.4250/- per MT upto 31.12.2001 to exporters.After adding transportation, handling and other charges, the FOB prices vary from consignment to consignment.

(c),(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from the Maharashtra Government for issueof wheat @ Rs.4150/- per MT for producing bakery items at cheaper rates. Since the bakers are free to purchase wheat under the Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic)[OMSS(D)] of FCI, at rates in force from time to time, which at present is Rs.6950/- per MT for the Western Zone, these requests have not been accepted. A discount of Rs.40/- per quintal is also available for the wheat crop 2001-02 of Punjab, Haryana and UP (some districts). The rates for issue of wheat under OMSS(D) of FCI are already very low, entailing subsidy, and there is hardly any scope for further reduction.